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FILE HEADING.

Seasonal prospects in the Tumkur Dt

From

The Rev Comr in Mysore

No. 10319. Dated 15-5-06. Received 18-5-06

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for consideration Tumkur Dy Comrs letter submitting further explanation regarding the opinion expressed against him by Govt on the seasonal prospects in his Dt

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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MGCPB—30,000—17-2-05.

like the other Dy Comrs. He wrote briefly and vaguely. and the Dewan was led to make the remarks contained in the G.O

It appears to me sufficients if the Dy Comrs Explanation is "recorded".

It was in view of this censure that

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Mysore
18 Sept 06

No 225

Dear Sir,

As directed by the Dewan, I forward herewith a file re explanation by Mr Doraswami Iyer Dy Comr Tumkur in connection with the submission of certain reports. The Dewan will be obliged if you will kindly go through the file

Dear Mr Balasundram

Iyer

I have gone thro' the files.

I am unable to say that there was not some justification for the strong terms used in G O of the March. The Dy Comm should have made a full report of the conditions of this distt

and favour him with your opinion as to whether the explanation is satisfactory whether a good case is made out for withdrawing the censure conveyed in the G O of the 6th March last.

Yours Sincerely

C S Balasundaram Iyer

Mr. P. Parthasarathy Esqr.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

When I made my
report on the State
of things in the Jungle
DT., Mr Macmichie
passed some favourable
Comments on the
actions of the Dylnm
which on approval
by H H the Maharaja

were communicated
in a Gaol proceed
ings. This may also
be referred to.

Yours Sincerely

W. Nettlefold

20/9/05

Submit Dr. Lee?

The Dewan comes
with the 2nd Draft. Please
sign the draft order may
be issued to
us tomorrow
since

C.S.B.
19/9/05

Dr. Nettlefold
(in duplicate)
Home
Final Draft Bill by
Dewan C.S.B. 6/11/05.

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No. 10319

OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,

Bangalore.....15th....May.....1906.

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FROM A. Rangaswami Iyengar Esquire B.A.,B.L.,
~~T//ANANDA/ROW//Esq.,//~~
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

SIR,

Adverting to Government Order No. R.13578 Agri.101-05-30 dated 20th April 1906, declining to reconsider the opinions expressed against the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, in Government Order No.A dated 6th March 1906, on the seasonal prospects in his District, I have the honor to forward herewith for the favourable consideration of Government, the Deputy Commissioner's letter No.572 dated 8th May 1906, together with its three enclosures, submitting a further detailed explanation in the matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Rangaswami Iyengar

For Revenue Commissioner.

K.A.R.

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Agri 101-05-34

1906.

From

A. Rangaswami Iyengar Esquire B.A.B.L.
~~Revenue Commissioner~~
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 15th

Despatched 17 May 1906.

Received

No. 10319

Enclosure No. 4

Forwards for consideration Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's letter submitting further explanation regarding the opinions expressed against him by Government on the seasonal prospects in his District.

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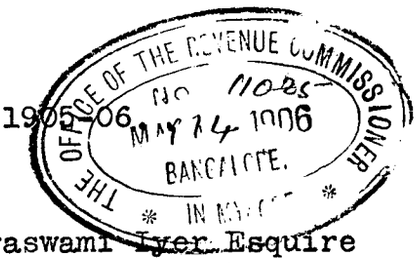

1905-06

From

K.Doraswami ~~Iyer~~ Esquire

Deputy Commissioner

Tumkur District.

To

A.Rangaswami Iyengar Esquire
B.A.B.L

Revenue Commissioner

in Mysore.

Dated. 8th May 1906.

Despatched. 12th May 1906.

Received.

Genl.No. 572

Enclosure No. 3

Explanation in regard to Govern-ment Order No. A dated 6th March 1906 and No.R.13578/Agri.101-05-30 dated 20th April 1906.

Submitted
14.5.06

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur

Dated 8th May 1906.

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner,

Tumkur District.

To

A.Rangaswami Iyengar Esq., B.A., B.L.

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your memo No.9761 dated 26th/28th ultimo forwarding copy of Government Proceedings No. R.13578/Agri.101-05÷30 dated the 20th ultimo upon my D.O. letter to you of the 10th March last in regard to the charge of dilatoriness. I had not touched upon the 10-day reports nor had the Government order A of the 6th March last touched upon them.

2. My first response to the Under Secretary's D.O. letter of the 27th December last requiring 10-day reports was the D.O. of the 8th January last. About the time that the next report was due, his 2nd D.O. arrived. It said that my report of the 8th January was too brief and general and gave me a set of questions to answer. I understood this 2nd D.O. as superseding by its definite queries its predecessor's requisition for 10-day reports. The queries were so numerous and elaborate and many of them such as required answers that would not need to be modified so constantly as once every 10 days that I thought that Government had decided to get once for all from the Districts on uniform lines all the information that they wanted. The 10-day reports by reaching just 3 days

beyond the weekly reports would not be giving any information worth knowing. Great changes can occur in a short space of 3 days with excessive or even ordinarily heavy rains but in a confirmed drought like this with lands standing bare to the blazing sun and with water slowly going lower everywhere, a short 3 days would not discover much of a change though it is there sure enough. The effect of the two reports was practically a biweekly report. ---- Reasoning thus I stopped the 10-day reports. Until the order of the 7th ultimo which required these reports to be sent to the ---- General and Revenue Secretary instead of to the Under Secretary as theretofore I did not know that Government still expected them. Of course Government had not cancelled their requisition but from what I have stated above I would not seem to have been far wrong in considering that those reports were superfluous and that they were no longer wanted by Government nor would I seem to have been intentionally guilty of a systematic disregard of Government orders. That no great weight was attached to them was apparent from the order A itself which without the barest allusion to them proceeded upon entirely different lines to convict me of dilatoriness in thought and action. That they were not considered to be of any importance is evident also from the fact that my omission to send them had gone undiscovered until the last order of the 20th ultimo, which would not have been the case had they been coming up for a special study like the weekly season reports in regard to which a day's delay brings a telegraphic reminder.

3. Regarding my first (and up to the 7th ultimo last) 10-day report which was considered to be too brief I beg to state that it was as full as circumstances then needed for I explained that a harvest was just coming in and marked a definite improvement for the agricultural labourer and his cattle and that no relief measures were necessary then except by way of takavi loans which

I was granting and wished to grant more and to which end had applied for more money. I added that when relief works came to be started they would on no account have to be spread over the entire District. The weekly season reports were furnishing the important season conditions Talukwar and the report in question gave a general yet clear and useful survey for the whole District. I beg to add that it was not possible to anticipate the 40 queries and draw up a report to meet them and if I did not send up such a report in the absence of the queries themselves, that I submit cannot be taken as denoting a failure on my part to realize the significance of ~~the~~ a report upon seasonal conditions which were a source of anxiety to Government and ----- I beg leave to add ----- of equal anxiety to me.

4. As pointed out in the order of the 20th. ultimo and as had been pointed out in my D.O. letter of the 10th March, there was among the queries one upon the subject of remission and postponement of Revenue. That query called for no proposals but only asked what I thought would be necessary in the future and it was answered so far back as the 25th January last. It therefore needed no viii reminder and as a matter of fact none came. The admitted delay was not in respect of this query at all nor in respect of any other of the 38 or 40 except the 4 or 5 that had to be answered with Statements of the average mortality of cattle Talukwar, of the quantity of water in each tank in the District, of the area under holding of the principal foodgrains and of the area sown and of the area harvested and of the approximate out-turn of the harvest. Everyone of these questions had to be answered in hard figures and as reported in my covering docket the statements from Sira had arrived just that morning. All the other queries had been answered on the 25th January ---- within five days of their receipt.

5. The particular query was whether "Suspensions or even remissions of Revenue" would be needed "before the next rainy season sets in" and my answer was ---- "Suspension might suffice. It remains to be seen if remission will become necessary". The answer was sufficiently decided in that it showed that a suspension of Revenue might answer without being supplemented by remissions. That was my judgment of the future from conditions then. The probability of having to grant remissions was not apparent on the 25th January but only the possibility of it and my answer indicated that possibility. A harvest however poor had been coming in and adding to the Stock of grain and fodder and there were rains ahead and anxiously hoped for. No other statement could have been made without militating against the confidence reposed in me or against my own penchant for scrupulous accuracy.

6. The Government order of the 19th February issued not upon this answer of the 25th January or upon the query to which it was an answer and was in no way connected with either. It was a reminder to the balance of the queries ---- the few that had to be answered with figures ----- and it was also a call for the very first time for proposals for suspension of revenue ----- a positive call for "definite and comprehensive proposals regarding suspension of revenue and expansion of public works". The query and the order of the 19th February were unconnected: I beg leave to distinguish between a call for opinion upon the likelihood of concessions in kandayam becoming necessary and a definite call for proposals to suspend kandayam. Even in this order which was not a reminder in this matter as just shown, it will be seen that remission of kandayam was not contemplated. The call for proposals of remissions appeared first in the order A in which I was said to have been dilatory both in thought and action and very much behind the time in spite of repeated reminders. I have now explained clearly ----

----- even more clearly than in my D.O. of the 10th March which was written in Bangalore where I had no references ----- how there were no reminders at all. In fact the Government order of the 20th ultimo when read with my explanations will itself support my statement that there were no repeated reminders ----- that there was not even one reminder.

7. In the matter of the Government order which granted remissions in Kolar serving as a reminder to me I must confess that it did not strike me in that light probably because of my experiences of the famine of 1891-92 and of the D.proceedings of the time and of the remissions of revenue and of our relief works and takavi loans being so fresh in my mind as to keep my attention ~~rivetted~~ riveted on the needs of my District in all those directions ever since last October after the disappointing monsoon. There was besides the Famine Code to furnish needful instruction upon famine measures and also the Government orders about the Special Pahani which indicated remissions in the future.

8. Long before the order A of the 6th March Government were aware that I had asked and obtained additional funds under the various heads of takavi. Other Relief measures including concessions in the matter of kandayam were to come in their own time. Not being an alarmist I did not care to hustle Government with premature recommendations. I submit that I would know best what proposals to make and when to make them; and if I did not send in my proposals earlier it was because it would have been premature to do so. I believed that I had a certain amount of responsibility and discretion in the matter. I judged that it would do to send up my proposals, sometime in the month of March allowing sufficient time for Government to consider them and give me their orders by about the middle of April. I had to think about the remittances that I was making to the Huzur Treasury and that Treasury's needs

to meet the subsidy and other demands and I had to think also of the needs of my own Treasuries to meet the standing requirements of the various Departments in the District, month after month, and so I wanted the first two khists to come in without my hampering them with premature proposals of remission and postponement; and they did come in easily with of course some falling off which was not much. No manner of concession was needed in the case of the first two khists. My proposals went on the 15th March which was a bit too soon as I should have sent them only after the 20th March had it not been for the order A which called for the proposals and in the same breath censured me for not sending them.

9. The order A issued upon a 3 or a 4 months old diary of one of my Assistants. It was the diary for November last. It contained a suggestion that a postponement of a part of the kandayam might have to be considered. The Revenue Commissioner asked what I had done in the matter and I sent him my answer and he thereupon sent the diary to Government. That was on the 5th March. The next day issued Government order A stating that I had done nothing on the Diary until the 14th February when the Revenue Commissioner called for a report and that I merely stated in reply that I would tour through the affected parts and submit a report on what had to be done and thereupon it proceeded to censure me and to ask another officer to go and look me up and sharpen my wits. A perusal of my Docket to the Revenue Commissioner is most essential here as showing that I said nothing of the kind. A copy of it as also a copy of my D.O. of the 10th March and a copy of the Government order A accompany for ready reference. Far from having to tour through the affected parts in the month of February in order to be able to send a report I had toured through those very parts some 10 days or so after the Assistant Commissioner; and in the same month of

November; in the very month to which the Diary related. In regard to the Assistant Commissioner's suggestion I said on the 18th February in reply to the Revenue Commissioner's memorandum of 14th/16th February that it was one of the many measures of relief that I ~~held~~ had in view such as the postponement of a whole year's revenue, a remission of half the wet assessment, Relief Works, Gratuitous relief etc and that they would be formulated according to the suitability of each measure to a given tract and according to the time that a given measure became necessary. I added that estimates for certain selected tank works were under preparation in view to meet emergencies as they arose and that the condition of men and cattle was closely watched and mentioned quite casually that I was starting again on a tour "tomorrow". That tour had nothing to do with the Revenue Commissioner's memorandum. And then again I promised no report. A perusal of my docket would show that my reply was very different ----- in fact quite contrary to what it was stated to be in the order A; and thus becomes apparent the cause of the censure and the scathing terms in which it was delivered. If the suppositions upon which it issued were solid facts instead, one who was guilty in the manner supposed would have deserved that and more but in my case I beg to submit that there were facts ready at hand that could point no blame to me. I am not writing this long explanation in a captious spirit though I must confess that I feel that I was condemned unheard and my endeavour now is to get myself a full hearing by means of this letter in order to get the condemnation cancelled.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner.

1905-06.

From

K.Doraswami Iyer Esqr.

Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

To.

T.Ananda Rao Esqr.

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated. 18th/19th February 1906.

No. 477.

Revenue Commissioner's official memorandum No.7296 dated the 14th/16th instant calling for a report as to the action, if any, the undersigned has taken to reach a decision upon Mr.P. Srinivasa Rao's suggestion in his diary that the question as to whether a postponement of half of the current year's revenue would be a sufficient remedy in the case of certain ---- villages where failure of crops is noticed.

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In reply undersigned has the honor to state that the suggestion is under consideration along with many other methods of Relief such as the postponement of a whole year's revenue, a remission of half the wet assesment, Relief Works, gratuitous relief £ca- and will be formulated according to the suitability of each measure to a given tract and according to the time that a given measure becomes necessary. Estimates for certain selected tank works are under preparation in view to be ready to meet emergencies. The condition of men and cattle are closely watched. Undersigned is going out again to-morrow on a tour through the more affected parts.

(Sd).T.Royalu Chetty.
For Deputy Commissioner.

"Copy".

Proceedings of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

(1). Diary of Mr.P.Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner of the Tumkur District for November 1905, stating that crops had fail-ed in some of the villages in the Turuvekere Sub Taluk and suggesting the postponement of a moiety of the current year's assess-ment in the affected parts.

(2). The Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's Docket No.477 of the 18th February 1906 to the Revenue Commissioner stating in reply to a reference made by him that he would go out on tour through the affected parts and on his return submit a report as to what measures would be necessary for the relief of the poor.

(3). The Revenue Commissioner's letter No.7919 of the 5th March 1906 submitting the above.

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Order thereon: No. A of the 6th March 1906.

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Apprehension of distress was reported by the Assistant Commissioner in his Diary for November 1905 dated the 8th December 1905 and received on the 12th December 1905. Nothing was done on it for two months, i.e till the 14th February 1906, when the ---- Revenue Commissioner called on the Deputy Commissioner to report what ~~action~~ relief, if any, was needed. The Deputy Commissioner in his report merely states that he would tour through the affected parts and submit a report of what has to be done. He seems to be dilatory both in his thought and action. Apparently he is behind the time. The Khists have commenced. He should have reported and obtained the orders of Government long ere this regarding remissions and postponements, to the importance of both of which his attention had been repeatedly drawn. The Revenue Commissioner will kindly see that there will be no more delay in this important matter and that prompt action is taken at once. It is advisable that the Revenue Commissioner should pay a visit to the Tumkur

District and have a conference with the Deputy Commissioner on the plan of action to be adopted. Very early action and report are expected.

(Sd). B.K.Venkatavarada Iyengar

S E C R E T A R Y.

To,

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

"Copy".

(Sd).G.Aravamudu Iyengar

For Revenue Commissioner.

"Copy".

Deputy Commissioner.

My dear Sir

Referring to Government order No.A dated the 6th instant received with your docket.

Apprehension of distress was reported in the diary of an Assistant Commissioner in November 1905 as stated in the order but the apprehension had existed long before and we were all aware of it, only the apprehended distress was far off. It is said that nothing was done on it for 2 months and that I said in answer to the Revenue Commissioner's enquiry that I would tour through the affected parts and send a reply as to what had to be done. Such a statement from me would have been very misleading in that it would have conveyed an idea that I had yet to acquaint myself with the conditions of the season by personal observations. A reference to my communication shows that what I actually said was that the suggestion of the Assistant Commissioner in regard to the postponement of half the current year's revenue was under consideration with many other measures of relief such as the postponement of a whole year's revenue, a remission of half the wet assessment, ---- Relief works, gratuitous relief etc and would be formulated according to the suitability of each measure to a given tract and according to the time that a given measure became necessary. I said also that estimates for certain Selected Tank works were under preparation in view to be ready to meet requirements and went on to say that the condition of men and cattle was closely watched and concluded saying that I was going out again "to-morrow" on a tour through the more affected parts. Some 38 or 40 queries that had been sent by the Dewan's Under Secretary were answered by me from my personal knowledge excepting some half a dozen such as the quantity of water in each tank in the District etc which had to be answer

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answered in communication with the Assistant Commissioners and the Amildars and it was in answering these queries that some delay ~~accrued~~ occurred. What was there to be done which was not done and when did the dilatoriness of thought and action come in?

The progress of the season was closely watched. Additional allotments under Takavi were asked and obtained as Government are aware. The object of Takavi advances was personally explained to the ryots in every tour. The condition of the various crops was carefully noted. The question of where all Relief works would have to be started and the probable date when each would have to be started was studied. Information under the various heads under the draft Famine Code was being collected and verified personally. How can I be said to have been guilty of dilatoriness in thought and action?

I know that the khists have commenced. I confess that I did not know what the policy of the Government was going to be. But the various measures of relief under the Famine Code were kept in sight and they included concessions in the matter of assessment. Proposals in regard to a suspension of kandayam were called for in Government order No.R.10828-9/Agri. 101-05-5 dated the 19th February and both remission and suspension are mentioned in order No.A. They had been mentioned also in the Under Secretary's queries and I answered that postponement might suffice and that remission did not appear necessary then. Remission and postponement of kandayam need not be thought of in my District except in connection with the last 2 khists. It is said that I should have reported and obtained the orders of Government long before, in regard to remission and postponement of kandayam, to the importance of which my attention would appear to have been repeatedly

drawn. I am not aware of those reminders and must beg you to be so kind as to have them traced from the Secretariat Registers and copies furnished to me. The Government order of the 19th February can alone be considered as a "reminder" and even there, only the first para of it and that too in reference to the queries and not in reference to remission or suspension of kandayam.

No concession in respect to kandayam would be necessary until the April khists and my proposals will be before Government in ample time. It should be comparatively easy for me with the knowledge gained by personal observation in my frequent touring during these six months to formulate definite and accurate proposals. As conditions vary with each District the time when Relief measures should be formulated and started would also vary. In regard to my District, proposals of remission or suspension of kandayam will be submitted by the middle of the month. The harvest was peculiar. While one village raised a good crop the immediately adjoining village had nothing to speak of and in the same village sometimes one half was good and the other half bad. The peculiarity was due to the peculiar distribution of rain. In most cases wet lands under tanks failed to produce a decent crop or any crop at all. The necessary figures are getting ready in my office to enable me to furnish exact proposals. I am going to ask for a remission of half wet assessment under tanks and a postponement of 2 khists on dry lands. The value of the harvest below which these concessions should come into operation will be determined from the figures for each tract. Accurate figures and the decision of a definite equitable principle of procedure will be furnished. I wish to avoid making one Taluk or a part of a Taluk feel that it is less favored than the other. As alredy stated there is this year a great deal of difference

between adjoining villages and adjoining Hoblis.

Until about the end of April no one will come on any Relief works that we might start except on three or four where we might expect some men about the beginning of April. Within the next three or four days a list of selected works will be submitted for sanction.

The condition of men and cattle is good. Water and ----- fodder are available.

I beg leave to state that it cannot be said that I failed to realize the importance of any matter or that I was dilatory in thought and action. This is not the first time to me that incorrect statements have found a place in Government orders and subjected me to unmerited censure. If really I have defaulted in any important respect I should begin to --- question my ability to conduct Famine measures when they became necessary. It would be a powerful combination to disqualify one for the public service to be unable to think or to act or to be dilatory in thought and action at a time like this and with a worse time impending when one should have his wits about him and when correct action should come on the spur of the moment as if by intuition rather than by laborious logic.

I beg that it may be explained to Government how exactly I am situated in this matter. A copy of my last communication to the Secretary ~~ahs~~ has been sent for your information.

10/3/1906.

Yours sincerely

Sd/ K.Doraswami Iyer.

T.Ananda Rao, Esq.,

Revenue Commissioner.

"Copy"

Agri 101-05-43

Proceedings of the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read :-

Letter No.10319 dated the 15th May 1906 from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the further explanation submitted by Mr.K.S.Dorasami Iyer, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, regarding certain adverse remarks, made against him by Government in their order No.A dated the 6th March 1906 in connection with the submission of reports of seasonal prospects in his District.

Order thereon.- No. R. 4869

Dated Bangalore, 9th ~~October~~ November 1906.

Recorded with the remark that the Government have already, in their order No. Fl 487-9/Agri.134-05-15 dated the 8th May 1906, expressed their opinion that the Deputy Commissioner was alive to the situation in his District and was dealing with it sensibly and with judgment, thereby implying a reconsideration of the remarks made in the order of 6th March 1906.

Secretary to Govt.

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.